THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) During the third week of July, 2000, cases of fever not responding to usual treatment were admitted in hospitals in and around Kalyan. The disease was suspected to be leptospirosis and this was confirmed subsequently by laboratory diagnosis.

Till 16.8.2000, 158 cases were admitted as confirmed cases of Leptospirosis out of which 12 patients have died.

Government of India immediately on receipt of news sent experts with diagnostic kits from the Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Communicable Diseases to help the State authorities to control the outbreak. The situation is under control.

Implementing the Pay Commission's Recommendations in RML Hospital

3457. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the pay commission could not be implemented with regard to the Group C and D employees of RML Hospital till date; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As per information available, the Vth Pay Commission recommendations in respect of Group C and D employees of RML Hospital have been implemented except in the cases of OT Technicians and Radiographers. Grant of enhanced scale of pay to OT Technicians and Radiographers as against the replacement scale of pay is under consideration.

Reducing Maternal and Infant Mortality Rates

3458. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of health sub centers, primary health centers and community health centers required for reducing maternal and infant mortality rates and successful running of family planning programme, to control population in the country; and

(b) the amount proposed to be sanctioned, on priority scale, for the above basic medical service programmes, especially in rural areas, to control population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) For the successful running of Family Welfare Programme to stabilise the population in the country and to reduce the maternal and infant mortality rate, the unmet need for adequate number of Primary Health Centres needs to be addressed. On the basis of existing population norms and projected population levels in 2003 the estimated requirement and short falls as on 30.6.99. are as follows:

	Type of Centre	Requirement	In position	Short fall
1.	Sub-Centre	155455	137271	22927
2.	Primary Health Centres	25907	22975	4323
3	Community Health Centre	6479	2935	3553

(b) Health being a State subject the expenditure on the establishment of Primary Health Care infrastructure is met by the State Governments from their State Budgets/Minimum Needs Programme, Basic Minimum Services Programme and Additional Central Assistance. During the year 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 375 crores has been earmarked as Additional Central Assistance under the Prime Minister's Gramoday Yojana for Primary Health.

Cost of Medical Education

3459. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Medical colleges/institutes in the country providing for MBBS course;

(b) what is the number of students passing out each year;

(c) what is the cost of medical education (MBBS course) per student; and

(d) what are the provisions/mechanism to ensure that the precious resource is utilized in the service of the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) There are 171 medical colleges in the country conducting M.B.B.S. course, which includes